

Nullifiers OF ISLAM

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(may Allah accept him)

...The poet companion Hassaan Ibn Thaabit RAA has famous lines of poetry which states: **“The prophet called people in Makkah nicely for a very long time and only few followed him, but when he called to Islam while the sword was shining in his hand, only then they submitted, followed and repented.”**

This is also proven by the Quran in Sourat Al-Asr: **When comes the Help of Allah, and Victory, and you see the people enter Allah’s Religion in crowds Celebrate the praises of your Lord, and pray for His Forgiveness: For He is Oft-Returning (in Grace and Mercy).**

So, it is only after in a place where Islam triumphs and holds authority that you see people entering and submitting to the religion of Allah. This is a general rule in life. It has been narrated on the authority of the companion Uthman Ibn Affaan saying: **“Allah guides the majority of people through authority more than the Quran alone.”**

So, Shaykh Muhammad Ibn Abdul Wahab and Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saud grouped and adopted the call of Tahweed, in order to spread and protect it. Shaykh Muhammad Ibn Saud said to Shaykh Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahab: **“I am giving you the glad-tidings; you arrived to our protection and welcome for coming here. Allah will replace you with a better place than the one you left for His sake.”**

Shaykh Muhammad Ibn Abdul-Wahab replied: **“I will also give you glad-tidings of victory and power, because whoever follows and protects the banner of “La ilaha illa Allah Muhammadur Rasul Allah” will be protected by Allah, and Allah will grant him victory over his enemies sooner or later.”**

For a Muslim victory could either come in Dunya or in

the hereafter. He could either live applying his religion in glory and see the victory or die while doing so and earn the top ranks in Paradise, the rank of Shahadah.

Shaykh Muhammad Ibn Saud was bothered by a certain thing regarding this deal, he said: **“I fear that if Allah makes us victorious after that you might move to a different town”.** Shaykh Muhammad Ibn Abdul-Wahab replied: **“That will not happen. Blood is blood and destruction are destruction (meaning that I am one of you, now your blood is my blood and your destruction is my destruction).”**

Shaykh Muhammad Ibn Abdul-Wahab kept his promise, he stayed and took Al-Dariya as his hometown where he taught his students and authored his books. He lived in it and his house was known among the people as the Headquarters of Tawheed. He along with his students used to occupy their time during early mornings and evenings with seeking knowledge and in between they used to train their military skills and knowledge, may Allah accept them.

When he grouped with Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saud, they didn’t restrict themselves to Dawah only. They started fighting for the sake of Allah after they had advised and communicated to the towns around them until Allah gave him victory and took over the whole of Riyadh, Al-Qaseem and many more areas. That was known as the First Saudi State. We need to clarify a certain point here because many are confused about it, the Saudi state passed through 3 phases:

(1) **First Saudi State: This was during the life of Muhammad Ibn Abdul wahab.**

(2) **Second Saudi State.**

(3) Third Saudi State: Is the one ruled by apostates today.

So, it not fairs for anyone to attribute the third to the first or vice versa.

He lived in Dariya until he died there in the year 1206 Hijri where he was buried; he died at the age of 92 years. May Allah have mercy on him. Many students studied under him and form his eminent students are: His sons Ali, Al-Hassan and Al-Hussain. This refutes a major lie spread about the Shaykh which is that he hates the prophet (PBUH) and Ahl-Al-Bayt of the prophet (PBUH). If he did so he wouldn't have named his sons after them. His son Ibrahim. Hamad Ibn Nassir ibn Ma'amar. Hussain Ibn Ghannaam known for writing a very good and authentic biography of his Shaykh after he had seen people spreading lies about him. This is beneficial to those who want to refer to it. Saud Ibn Abdul-Aziz Ibn Muhammad Ibn Saud.

His Books: Before making list of his books, I would like to say that his books are very few when compared to those who lived at his time because he didn't have time to write books because his time was mostly occupied by producing warriors of Islam by teaching them.

From his books: **Kitabul Tawheed**: The most known. **The Summary of the Seerah of the prophet PBUH**: he summarized the Seerah book of Ibn Hisham. (Ibn Hisham summarized the Seerah book of Ibn Ishaq). **The summary of Zad Al-Ma'ad by Ibn Al-Qayim**. **Al-Usool Al-Thalatha** (The three fundamentals) **Kashf**

Al-Shubuhah (Exposing the doubts). **Al Qawaid Al-Arba'a** (The 4 rules). **The prophetic teachings when walking to Salaat**. **The book of Major sins (Al-Kabaair)**

Many of the scholars living at the time of Shaykh Muhammad Ibn Abdul-Wahab praised him and gave him Tazkiya (recommendation) like: Al imam Al-Shawkaany: The author of Nayl Al-Awttaar. Al Imam Al-Sana'any: He praised the shaykh many times through his poetry. The Historian Al-Zarkaly: The author of the book of Al-A'alaam.

These were just quick points and an overview about the life of this honorable Shaykh Rahimahullah who is also known as the reviver of Islam during the 11th Hijri century. As was mentioned in Sunan Abu Dawoud, that the prophet PBUH said: **"With every beginning of 100 years Allah brings up from this Ummah someone to revive His deen"**. And best revival is the revival of Aqeedah. Now that we're done with that brief introduction we will comment and explain the nullifiers of Islam.

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Bismillah and may peace and blessings be upon His prophet.

The author (RA) said: Know that the nullifiers of Islam are ten:

The First Nullifier: Shirk (associating partners) in the worship of Allah. Allah says: **Verily, Allah does not forgive that anything should be associated with Him in worship (i.e., Shirk), but He forgives what is less than that to whom He wills. (An-Nisa 4/48; An-Nisa 4/116).**

And He says: **Verily, the one who mixes partners in worship with Allah (Shirk), then Paradise has been made forbidden for him and his final abode will be the Hellfire. And the wrongdoers will not have any helpers (in Hell). (Al-Maidah 5/72)**

What falls under this is performing sacrifices to someone other than Allah, such as the person who offers a sacrifice to the Jinn or to a grave.] We already spoke of the fact that the nullifiers are not only restricted to 10 nullifiers. The Shaykh started with this nullifier because it is the worst nullifier as was mentioned in hadith on the authority of Abdullah Ibn Masoud that the prophet PBUH was asked: **"What is the greatest sin in the sight of Allah?"** He Answered: **"To make a rival for Allah while**

He Alone created you" [Bukhari & Muslim]

Many still do not understand that the worst sin in Islam is shirk. They assume sins like stealing or adultery or interest are greater sins than Shirk. You may find many who are very cautious of committing these major sins but are quite reckless when it comes

to falling in Shirk. Allah is the only one who created you, protected you and granted you sustenance and after all that He does you, you commit shirk!?

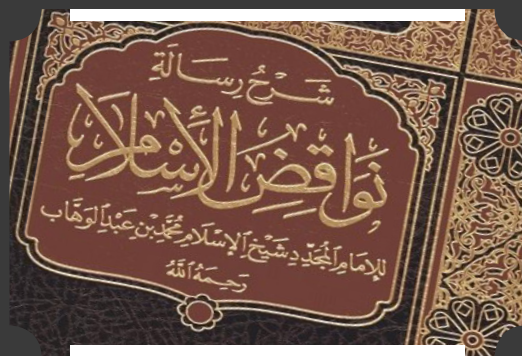
Shirk has types and many classifications. One of the classifications is based on the 3 types of Tawheed:

-Shirk in Ruboubiya: [Ruboubiya: The belief that Allah is only creator and sustainer of the universe and what's in it].

-Shirk in Ulouhiya: [Ulouhiya: The act of directing all his acts of worship to Allah alone while expecting the reward from Him e.g. Supplications to Allah alone/Ruling by his Book/Loving and hating for his sake 'Al-Wala'a Wal Bara'a.]

-Shirk in Asmaa' and Sifaat: [Asmaa' and Sifaat : The belief in the infinite and exclusive names and attributes of Allah]

Those who fall in Shirk in Ruboubiya are very few when compared to others. The majority of people who fell in shirk, committed Shirk in Ulouhiya. They believe in the Ruboubiya of Allah, they believe that He is the cre-



ator and sustainer. Notice how the cursed Iblees himself believed in the Ruboubiya of Allah when he said: **"Iblis said: O my Lord! give me then respite till the Day the (dead) are raised."** [15:36]

He called Allah **"My lord"** and he knew that he raises the dead on the day of judgment but his disbelief was through Shirk in Ulouhiya and other types of shirk. Allah told us about Pharoah and his people in the Quran in Al-Naml:14 **"And they rejected those Signs in iniquity and arrogance, though their hearts were convinced thereof: so see what the end of those who acted corruptly was!"**

Pharoah and those around him knew deep in their hearts that Allah is the creator and the Lord of the universe and what's in it. Therefore, the shirk of the Pharoah and his people was not exclusively through the shirk in Ruboubiya but through other forms of shirk. Allah says about them in Al-Naml-14: **"And they rejected those Signs in iniquity and arrogance, though their souls were convinced thereof: so, see what the end of those who acted corruptly was!"**

The Mushrikin whom the prophet PBUH was sent to believe in the Ruboubiya of Allah but they fell in Shirk regarding the Ulouhiya of Allah (Which is directing their acts of worship to false deities other than Allah or not loving/Hating for the sake of Allah or not ruling by what Allah has revealed etc.) Allah says in Sourat Al-Ankabut-61: **"If indeed you ask them who has created the heavens and the earth and subjected the sun and the moon (to his Law), they will certainly reply, "Allah". How are they then deluded away (from the truth)?"**

The same applies with the Jews, Allah says about them in Sourat Al-Baqarah-146: **"The people of the Book know this [the prophecy of Muhammad PBUH] as they know their own sons; but some of them conceal the truth which they themselves know."**

They knew exactly who he was and they knew that he fulfilled the description they had of him in their books. Therefore, their shirk was in Ulouhiya. For example, the Jews associate Uzair with Allah when it comes to directing their acts of worship. They would follow their Rabbis if they order them to do certain things, even if contradicted to what was mentioned to them by Allah.

The Christians direct their acts of worship to Prophet Isa A.S. And they would follow their priests & bishops when they order them to do certain things which go against what was mentioned to them by Allah. Allah says in Sourat At-tawba-31: **"They took their priests and**

their anchorites to be their lords instead of Allah, and (they take as their Lord) Christ the son of Mary; yet they were commanded to worship but One Allah: there is no god but He. Praise and glory to Him: (Far is He) from having the partners they associate (with Him)."

Notice, how Allah criticized the way they got their legislations from other than what Allah has revealed and how they associated prophet Isa AS with Allah in directing their worships. Both are means of Shirk that Allah doesn't approve of Himself. All the previous examples commission of shirk from the aspect of Ulouhiya.

Those who fell in disbelief from the aspect of Ruboubiya are very minor such as the Dahriyeen from the past or contemporary communists or atheists who deny the existence of Allah or a creator for this universe. They are the worst of the Mushrikeen because not only did they revolt against the words of Allah, they revolted simple logic and the instinct.

The famous story of Imaam Abu Haneefa's debate

against a group of atheists: Imaam Abu Haneefa agreed to have a debate with some atheists and they both scheduled a time and a place for the debate. When the time appeared, Abu Haneefa didn't show up, so the atheists started telling the audience: **"It seems that your Shaykh is too afraid to show up for**

a public debate!" Abu Haneefa then showed up late to the atheists so they asked him: **"What took you so long to get here?"** He replied: **"I am sorry, I am late. Its just that I came from the other side of the river. I waited for a boat to help me cross to the other side but nothing showed up. I waited for a very long time until all on a sudden I saw a tree uprooting itself and all its branches fell off and get arranged, I then saw pins and ropes coming out of nowhere towards the tree and going around it and pins falling in place. It suddenly turned into a boat with no driver, I then get on top of it and it moved on its own way without a sailor until I reached the other side of the river then I came here, that's why I was late."**

They looked around and laughed at his story telling to the audience: **"Did you all hear what your Shaykh just said? How on earth, does a boat come out of nowhere and it gets you here without a sailor?!"** Abu Haneefa replied: **"How strange are your minds? You deny that a boat could be made suddenly from nothing without a manufacturer but you find it alright to believe that the whole universe and what's in it from the skies, oceans, rivers, creatures, mountains and what's in them, all**



came into existence without a creator". They were then silenced and Abu Haneefa won the debate. It is only those who have a distorted logic and natural disposition who fall in this form of shirk the Shirk of Ruboubiya. To summarize, we mentioned the classification of Shirk that can happen in one of three: Shirk in Ruboubiya. Shirk in Uluhiya. Shirk in Asma'a and Siffaat.

Shaykh Muhammad ibn Abdul-Wahab then mentions examples of shirks where he says: such as the person who offers a sacrifice to the Jinn or to a grave. There is another classification of Shirk which is classifying it into: Major Shirk: This

type takes a person out of the fold of Islam. e.g., offering a sacrifice to other than Allah, ruling by other than what Allah has revealed, Asking dead people or their graves beside Allah. Minor Shirk: This doesn't cast a person out of the fold of Islam. e.g., Swearing by things other than Allah while not believing in them as being sacred. The prophet PBUH said: **"Whoever swears by anything other than Allah, then he fell in shirk" [Sahih Muslim].**

Another example is Riya'a (performing deeds with the intention of winning others praise). The prophet (PBUH) said: **"The thing which I fear for you most is minor Shirk, Al- Riya'a" [Musnad Ahmad].**

Riya'a is also called hidden shirk. And this leads us to a 3rd classification of Shirk and that is: apparent Shirk or Hidden Shirk.

Apparent Shirk: It includes directing supplications to other than Allah. Seeking refuge to dead persons in their graves. Allah says in the Sourat Al-Fatiha: **"To You we worship and to You we rely upon"**. We must worship Allah and implement Tawheed with all its requirements and fear from falling into this nullifier which is directing worship to anything other than Allah.

So far, we mentioned three classifications of the first nullifier of Islam {Shirk}:

- The classification of Shirk based on Ruboubiya/ Ulouhiya/Asma'a and Siffaat.
- The classification of shirk into Major or Minor
- The classification of shirk into apparent Shirk & hidden Shirk.



Indeed

SHIRK

Is great injustice